

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3592

April 20, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides the following regarding abortions:

- Removes the requirement for hospitalization for second trimester abortions;
- Removes the requirement that only a physician provide information necessary for informed consent and allows other appropriate health care professional to do so;
- Provides items required to be included in information given to a patient seeking an abortion;
- Requires a 24 hour waiting period after providing information before an abortion may be performed;
- Provides that physicians who perform an abortion in violation of the waiting period would be guilty of a Class E felony unless necessary to preserve the life or health of the women.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,700/Incarceration*

Estimate assumes one Class E felony conviction every three years for violation of the waiting period provision of the bill.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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